

Proposal for a roundtable at EAEH 2021

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Call for roundtable participants:

Asian and Oceanian environmental history in the future: Asian pluralism and environmental diversity under the influences of the Pacific Ocean.

You are invited to join our roundtable, in which approximately ten speakers will be given 7 minutes each to speak on topics related to the abstract below in the context of their own fields. Please select a EAEH 2021 sub-theme: Energy, Pollution, Oceans, Lakes and Rivers, Forests, Food and Agriculture, Disease, Art and Philosophy, and Historiography; or a theme of your own. We look forward to participation from across the world.

This roundtable is organized by Akihisa Setoguchi, President of the AEAHEH, and Satoshi Murayama, Chair of the Asian Society for Environmental History Founding Committee. Please contact Satoshi Murayama (murayama.satoshi[at]kagawa-u.ac.jp). The dead line is 31 March, 2021.

Abstract:

It is now ten years since the bylaws of the Association for East Asian Environmental History (AEAHEH) were approved on 26 October 2011. At this point, we would like to ask ourselves what the future holds for the Association. A medieval historian, Yoshihiko Amino, once looked at Japan from the Sea of Japan and the historical facts revealed by him changed the study of Japanese history in many ways and remain influential today. Japan and other Asian countries/regions can also be looked at from the Pacific Ocean. If we zoom out a little from each region, we can see that Asia is diverse. What do we mean by "East Asia"? The name of our society, the Association for East Asian Environmental History, is not intended to cover a limited area and is much less confined to the borderlines of a nation state, which fail to represent the religious and ethnic pluralism and environmental diversity of Asia. What kind of centripetal force will and should the AEAHEH have in the future?